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SENATE BILL 73

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ANESTHESIOLOGY; CHANGING THE NUMBER OF
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS A SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY
SUPERVISE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-6-10.9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
Chapter 311, Section 9) is amended to read:

"61-6-10.9. RULES. --

A. The board may adopt and enforce reasonable
rules:

(1) for setting qualifications of education,
skill and experience for licensure of a person as an
anesthesiologist assistant;

(2) for providing procedures and forms for
licensure and annual registration;

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1 (3) for examining and evaluating applicants
2 for licensure as an anesthesiologist assistant regarding the
3 required skill, knowledge and experience in developing and
4 implementing anesthesia care plans under supervision;

5 (4) for allowing a supervising
6 anesthesiologist to temporarily delegate his supervisory
7 responsibilities for an anesthesiologist assistant to another
8 anesthesiologist;

9 (5) for allowing an anesthesiologist assistant
10 to temporarily serve under the supervision of an
11 anesthesiologist other than the supervising anesthesiologist
12 with whom the anesthesiologist assistant is registered; and

13 (6) to carry out the provisions of the
14 Anesthesiologist Assistants Act.

15 B. The board shall not adopt a rule allowing an
16 anesthesiologist assistant to perform procedures outside the
17 anesthesiologist assistant's scope of practice.

18 C. The board shall adopt rules:

19 (1) establishing requirements for
20 anesthesiologist assistant licensing, including:

21 (a) completion of a graduate level
22 training program accredited by the commission on accreditation
23 of allied health education programs;

24 (b) successful completion of a
25 certifying examination for anesthesiologist assistants

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1 administered by the national commission for the certification
2 of anesthesiologist assistants; and

3 (c) current certification by the
4 American heart association in advanced cardiac life-support
5 techniques;

6 (2) establishing minimum requirements for
7 continuing education of not less than forty hours every two
8 years;

9 (3) requiring adequate identification of the
10 anesthesiologist assistant to patients and others;

11 (4) requiring the presence, except in cases of
12 emergency, and the documentation of the presence, of the
13 supervising anesthesiologist in the operating room during
14 induction of a general or regional anesthetic and during
15 emergence from a general anesthetic, the presence of the
16 supervising anesthesiologist within the operating suite and
17 immediate availability to the operating room at other times
18 when the anesthetic procedure is being performed and requiring
19 that the anesthesiologist assistant comply with the above
20 restrictions;

21 (5) requiring the supervising anesthesiologist
22 to ensure that all activities, functions, services and
23 treatment measures are properly documented in written form by
24 the anesthesiologist assistant. The anesthesia record shall be
25 reviewed, countersigned and dated by the supervising

